

NOTE

*Trepobates citatus* Drake and Chapman, a New Junior Synonym  
of *Trepobates subnitidus* Esaki (Heteroptera: Gerridae)

*Trepobates citatus* Drake and Chapman was described in 1953 (Fla. Entomol. 36: 109–112) based on specimens from Florida and Mississippi. This species was distinguished from *Trepobates subnitidus* Esaki on the basis of a more robust form and darker color, shorter hairs on the middle femur of males, and different proportional lengths of antennal segments. After examining over 6000 specimens of *T. subnitidus* from all parts of its range and over 160 specimens identified as *T. citatus*, I have

concluded that the material represents one species and that the differences cited by Drake and Chapman merely represent intraspecific variation. I therefore designate *T. citatus* Drake and Chapman as a junior synonym of *T. subnitidus* Esaki, New Synonym.

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